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# Linprint Expansion Program

## LINPRINT To Be Incorporated ◆ Stock To Be Sold

## Linn's Weekly Stamp News To Be Enlarged

THE time has now come when we are ready to launch the plans that we have been making for the future development of Linn's Weekly Stamp News and of the general Philatelic Publishing business under the name of LINPRINT.

Our problem is purely a matter of Capital.

Our operations over the past six years have been under a severe debt burden left on my hands when I assumed control of the printing plant of The W. M. Linn Sons Company, following the death of my father in June 1927.

In spite of this handicap, we have succeeded to such an extent that we are now ready to enlarge and improve the business and lack only capital with which to put our plans in action.

Perhaps a brief review of the past few years will be of interest to those of our readers whom we hope can be prevailed upon to give assistance toward putting our plans across and thus enlarging and developing this publication, as soon as we are ready to offer stock.

Early in 1927 I was asked to come back into the printing business, then owned by my father, but which was being managed by two of my brothers, neither of whom were very much interested in the business and under whose management the business had been getting into a deeper mire, year after year.

Prior to that time I had spent the previous 15 years in dealing in stamps and prior to that 15 year period I had been with my father in the printing business.

This printing plant, operated under the name of The W. M. Linn Sons Company, was a commercial printing plant with an enviable reputation for commercial printing of good quality. The plant was incorporated for $20,000.00 when I entered it in May 1927.

When I was asked to come back into the printing plant, I agreed to do so provided I was permitted to start a weekly stamp paper. This was agreed to, altho I am frank in saying that my brothers, who were associated in the business with me at that time, were not enthusiastic over the plan.

At the time I went into the printing business, one brother retired from the business and left it in the hands of my younger brother and myself. Soon thereafter, my father died, leaving the responsibility wholly in our hands and with a heavy debt burden which had accumulated in the previous few years under the management of my brothers, for father had not been active in the business for some three or four years prior to his death.

In November 1928, the first issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News was issued. The publication was in the red for fully two years, altho the volume of work which it produced was such as to make it a desirable commercial printing job for the plant, even tho it did not pay the returns that it should have paid to cover actual work of production.

During these first two years, the vast amount of work and time that I gave toward the development of the paper was such that I frequently worked from 10 to 12 hours per day in order to take care of the copy and correspondence on the paper. I received not an extra penny for this work and gave all my efforts to making the publication a success for it was my plan and I had to make my plan work, in order to satisfy my brother that I was right.

After the first two years we began to make more headway. It is interesting to note that we offered a guaranteed circulation of 2000 copies weekly when the paper was started. In order to give this circulation we were obliged to mail the paper under 1c stamps for the postal laws covering second class matter permit only 10% as many free copies to be mailed out as there are paid subscribers.

Thus to maintain a 2000 weekly circulation we were obliged to mail with 1c stamps until we had obtained about 1800 subscribers and with our 20th weekly issue we had done this and were granted second class rates on March 13, 1929.

From this point the growth of Linn's Weekly Stamp News was little short of phenomenal. By the end of our first year we had reached a circulation of 3500 copies weekly and at the close of the second year we passed the 4300 mark.

The third year closed with a circulation of over 8400 copies, nearly doubling our circulation in a single years time.

From this point the paper was taking care of itself nicely and was definitely out of the red.

Business during this period had been extraordinarily bad. The brother who had remained in the plant with me became discouraged and wished to look for employment in the field for which he had fitted himself at college.

I readily agreed that he do this and voluntarily shouldered the entire burden that was on the plant, by myself. Thus he walked out and left me, in the summer of 1931.

Thereafter without encumbrance of unsympathetic associates I made more rapid progress than in the past and by the end of the fourth year had built the paper up to a weekly circulation of 15,600 copies, at that time the largest circulation of any

weekly stamp paper and I believe the largest circulation that any stamp paper had ever attained up to that time. A task accomplished in four years time, under the most trying conditions and in the face of the fact that at that period the oldest weekly stamp paper in America, a publication nearly forty years old, had never reached a circulation of over 12,000 copies.

At the end of the fifth year, November 1933 we were printing more than 18,000 copies weekly and for our birthday issue of that month we printed 19,300 papers.

At this point I realized that I had gone as far as I possibly could with the present facilities and equipment in our plant. It was physically impossible to try to continue to grow from this point and I was obliged to find some means of decreasing, rather than increasing the circulation of the paper. The advance in subscription price from 25c to 50c accomplished this purpose and we gradually slipped back until today we have a circulation of between 15,000 and 16,000 weekly.

We were obliged to bring this about solely because our presses and other equipment as well as the actual available working space in our present quarters was inadequate to continue at the peak point which we had reached or to plan to go beyond that.

As had been the case for all the years past, lack of capital to enlarge, left us but one choice and that was to hold the paper down to such a point as we could properly handle it.

Such then, is a hasty sketch of the growth and development of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, under handicaps which would seem insurmountable to anyone except a person so determined as I was to make the business a success.

When I went back into the printing plant and immediately after the death of my father in 1927, the plant had a debt burden of approximately $8500.00. It was this load that kept me from being able to use any money that we did earn to enlarge and develop the business. Every extra dollar that we could get hold of was demanded by some one of the creditors. Notes had to be met and it was only due to the patience and faith that the creditors had in my ability to pull the business out of the hole into which it had slipped, that I was permitted to carry on.

Surely a business and a man that can succeed in the face of such opposition as confronted me can be depended upon to produce results that will protect the investment of every man who will become a stockholder in the new corporation which we now propose to form.

Two years ago I made the statement that I believed that the representative American stamp publication should have a weekly circulation of not less than 25,000 copies. Given the proper equipment and support I am confident that this publication can attain and pass that goal within the next two or three years.

So much for Linn's Weekly Stamp News, now for LINPRINT and the reason for LINPRINT.

When I planned the publication of this paper I planned also to build up a business which would be a general publication house for philatelic material of all kinds, albums, books, supplies, etc., and for the manufacture and production of philatelic accessories that could readily be made in a plant of this type.

I realized that if I built this business under the name of The W. M. Linn Sons Company, that the business so built would be a part of the corporation. That should conditions become too bad, and should the creditors of the printing plant become panic struck, they might close up the entire plant and thus wreck the business which I was developing along with the printing plant.

The debt burden on the printing plant was not of my making. It was there when I assumed control and I was voluntarily accepting that debt burden with the intention of wiping it out and reviving the business and paying all creditors dollar for dollar.

It was for this reason that I conducted this new business under the name of LINPRINT. The printing plant rendered invoices for work to LINPRINT and LINPRINT grew and prospered, thus the printing plant also prospered and at the end of 1933, the volume of business if we consider that of the printing plant, that of LINPRINT and that of Linn's Weekly Stamp News as one single business, totaled double the volume of business that had been done in a single year by the printing plant before I entered it in 1927.

Really a remarkable record to be hung up under conditions and handicaps such as have confronted everyone during the past five or six years.

Today, if we consider these businesses as one single unit, combining the assets and liabilities, instead of a debt burden of $8500.00 which was on the printing plant alone when I assumed control, the combined debt burden on the entire business is less than $5000 and nearly all of this is a part of the original debt that was on the printing plant when I assumed control.

While the assets, without considering plant valuation, counting only book accounts of money due is approximately $7500, which sum even allowing a loss of 1/3 for uncollectible accounts, would wipe out the entire indebtedness against the combined business.

Thus, during a depression period I have both succeeded in reducing a heavy debt besides doubling the annual volume of business and also have invested in new equipment for the printing plant approximately $3000, all of which is paid for.

My plan and proposal now is to combine the business of The W. M. Linn Sons Company and that of LINPRINT and Linn's Weekly Stamp News under the name of LINPRINT. To incorporate for $25,000. To issue 1000 shares of common stock which is to be offered at $10 per share and 1500 shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock at $10 per share.

In offering this stock to our readers and friends, we propose to permit the purchase of one share of common stock with each three shares of preferred stock that you may care to purchase.

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put over the plans that we have already made for enlargement and development, we can accomplish our purpose with a sale of as little as $7500 worth of the stock but we wish to provide for the sale of additional stock for working capital and to permit the more rapid growth and development in the future.

It must be understood that at the present time, George W. Linn is sole owner of LINPRINT and of Linn's Weekly Stamp News and that he owns all except two shares of the stock of The W. M. Linn Sons Company.

Therefore, with the assistance of my son, Ward R. Linn and of my son-in-law T. F. Morgan, who has been editing the Bureau Print Column in the paper for the past year, we will incorporate LINPRINT. LINPRINT embraces the business of publishing Linn's Weekly Stamp News and other Philatelic Publications and the manufacture of Philatelic Accessories.

So soon as this is accomplished and sufficient amount of stock is sold, LINPRINT will buy the business of The W. M. Linn Sons Company, by buying the stock held by George W. Linn, at a price only sufficient to cover the entire indebtedness of the printing plant, a figure much under the value of the printing plant as a going business.

Thus combining the entire business under the name of LINPRINT and giving the stockholders a valid and valuable plant with a sound business in operation and a going concern.

It is also intended that the bulk of the extra money paid for stock in this new business is to be used immediately for the purchase and addition of a larger press and other equipment necessary for the further growth of the publication.

None of the money is to go into my pocket or into the pocket of any other individual. Every penny is to be invested in the business for its further development.

In that direction we plan to enlarge and better the paper by removing the advertising from the front cover and to put an attractive two-color cover on each issue of the paper. So soon as conditions will permit we plan to increase the number of pages to 24 and eventually hope to go to 32 pages and cover weekly.

We plan immediately after installing our new equipment to use several illustrations in each issue of the paper and provided we can see our way clear to do so we expect to add another man to our staff to devote his entire time to preparation of copy and editorial work on the paper, thus giving our readers a paper second to none, for the great mass of just ordinary stamp collectors who represent fully 90% of the stamp collectors of America.

Personally, I shall devote my time to management of the business and to development of the publishing field in producing albums and other publications for which we have found there is a ready market for the high class material such as we have offered in the past.

The success of our proposal is therefore up to the readers of this paper and to our friends.

We hope to sell at least 1000 shares of stock at $10 per share. That means that one out of every 16 of our readers must be counted on to buy a share. We know that many will take several shares. We feel confident that there are more than 1000 of our readers who can well afford to take one share or more. We do not want those who can take one share to put the matter off solely because under ordinary times, they would be inclined to buy 25 to 100 shares.

We realize and know as well as any of you that all of us have taken a good licking in the past few years, yet there are still plenty of you who can take one share and we need only sell one share to each of 1000 persons to reach the goal that we have set.

This number however will be greatly reduced for the reason that the first two subscriptions that have come to our office from local parties, since the proposal has been made to incorporate as outlined herein, have been for 25 shares and for 12 shares. On the basis of one share to each 16 readers, these two subscriptions alone account for 656 of our readers.

We will especially appeal to those people who under ordinary conditions would subscribe to several shares. Just because you can not subscribe for several shares, do not neglect to lend the assistance that you can lend by subscribing for at least one share.

It is because we believe that a large number of subscriptions for a single share can be had that we have planned in this manner. We have tried for the past three years to get capital without incorporating and selling stock. It is only because we have come to the conclusion that such a plan is the only one by which we can hope to get the necessary support that we shall offer this stock for sale.

In order that few if any of our readers will have any valid excuse for failing to support the cause, we propose to accept subscriptions which are to be payable in four monthly payments. One-fourth of the amount subscribed when called for by the Treasurer, when the business is incorporated, the other three-fourths to be paid in 30, 60 and 90 days after date of the first payment.

This therefore makes it possible for almost every one of our readers to subscribe for at least a single share of stock. Subscription forms are to be prepared for distribution as soon as the incorporation is completed and when our papers are approved by the Federal Trade Commission.

If you wish, a printed form will be sent you when ready. We feel that the subscriptions should come so promptly that the late ones might have to be refused on account of oversubscription, for but a limited number of shares are to be sold and we believe that these will be taken up quickly.

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Third Assistant
Postmaster General,

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Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the Department has authorized the issuance of a special postage stamp in the 3-cent denomination to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the French explorer, Jean Nicolet, on the shores of Green Bay, who, according to historical records, was the first white man to reach the territory now comprised in the State of Wisconsin.

The stamp is 84/100 by 1 44/100 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, and is enclosed within a narrow double line border. It will be printed in purple. Extending across the top of the stamp in a narrow panel with dark ground and white edges is the inscription "1634—Wisconsin Tercentenary—1934" in white roman lettering. The central subject is reproduced from a painting depicting the arrival of the explorer. On a white ribbon panel at the base of the picture is the title "Nicolet's Landing on the Shores of Green Bay" in solid gothic lettering. In a narrow panel, with white border that extends along the lower edge of the stamp, are the words "United States Postage" in white roman with small ornaments at either end. Resting on the base panel in each lower corner are dark rectangular panels with white edges enclosing the denomination designation "3c" in white. Panels of the same width composed of fan-shaped ornaments extend to the top of the stamp on either side.

The Wisconsin Tercentenary commemorative stamp will be first offered for sale at the post office in Green Bay, Wis., on July 7, 1934. The new stamp will be available for sale at other post offices beginning July 9, 1934, or as soon thereafter as production will permit.

For the convenience of collectors, the Wisconsin Tercentenary stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, on July 9, 1934, but the agency will not prepare covers for mailing on that date. To insure early delivery, separate mail orders, excluding all other varieties of stamp stock, should be sent to the agency.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations at Green Bay on July 7 may send a limited number of addressed covers, not to exceed a total of ten (10), with a cash or postal money order remittance payable to the postmaster, Green Bay, Wis., covering the value of the stamps required for affixing. Personal checks and other postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Such covers should be forwarded in time to reach Green Bay not later than July 5. Covers will be accepted from individual subscribers only and shall be legibly addressed by typewriter or pen; covers bearing lead-pencil addresses will not be accepted. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of stamps bearing plate number or the irregular placing of the stamps on the covers, etc. To facilitate handling and to prevent damage in transit, covers should be of the ordinary letter size.

Requests for a supply of uncanceled Wisconsin Tercentenary stamps must not be included with orders for first day covers to the postmaster, Green Bay. Stamps needed for postage purposes should be purchased at the local post office. Stamps of selected quality for philatelic purposes may be obtained on mail orders to the Philatelic Agency.

Postmasters at direct and central accounting post offices may obtain a limited supply of Wisconsin Tercentenary stamps by requisition to the Department on form 3201-A endorsed "Wisconsin Tercentenary" in the space provided. Postmasters at district accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of this stamp by requisition on the central accounting postmaster.

C. B. Eilenberger,
Third Assistant Postmaster General

## Real Indian Cachet

The Seneca Indians of the Cattaragus Reservation have from time immemorable, held an annual Green Corn Dance when the corn ripens in the fall. A cachet for this event will be mailed on covers from Iroquois, N. Y. on the first day of the dance. The Gowanda Stamp Club of Gowanda, N. Y. is sponsoring same. Send covers to E. C. Wickham, Secretary, Gowanda, N. Y. A 1c stamp for forwarding to Iroquois must be enclosed with each cover.

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# U. S. REVIEW

**Thomas F. Whitbread**
**6 Wildwood Rd., Larchmont, N. Y.**

This week the vexing question of perforated initials on U. S. stamps is raised by Mr. G. E. Goodell. Mr. Goodell remarks how disappointing it is to get a nice cover only to find the high values with perforated initials. He suggests that this be prohibited but that seems hardly possible as the firms who do it have found it to be the only practical method of preventing thefts by employees. Naturally a sheet of stamps, each of which bears the initials of some concern, would be very difficult to sell to anyone.

Mr. Donald G. Vieau has shown us a very unusual shade on the 3c Washington sidewise coil. This is distinctly a red-violet color and, although the copy we saw was a used single there may be more around and it should be worth looking for.

The news that fourteen numbers, including all the rest of the bicentennials, were removed from the Agency list in one day recently was unexpected. We look to find many collectors caught short on these. Although many outlying post offices still have the odd values like 7c, the even numbers have practically disappeared.

Mr. Richard I. Welles has contributed a platform for commemoratives which merits approval. Ask your Congressman how he stands on this plank when he campaigns for election this fall. You might get his opinion on liberalizing the stamp illustration laws at the same time.


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## Many New Stamps Coming From Australia

We are indebted to Don Houseworth of St. Joseph, Mo., for details about many new stamps which are in prospect for Australia in the coming year. The news comes to Mr. Houseworth from Mr. S. Mitchell, a stamp dealer of Perth, Western Australia.

Among the issues contemplated are the following:

Macarthur Centenary stamps of 2d and 3d values late in June.

A 1sh or a 1sh3p airmail stamp for the inauguration of airmail service between Australia and London, soon.

A 2p and 3p stamp for the Victoria Centenary in September, 1934.

A 6p stamp for the Royal Visit of Prince Henry, October 18, 1934.

Remembrance Issue, Victorian War Memorial, Nov. 10, 1934, 4p stamp.

Centenary of Melbourne, 1p stamp, January 1, 1935.

International Scout Jamboree, 5p stamp, January 8, 1935.

Surely a very ambitious program, yet one that will be welcomed by collectors of commemoratives. As stamp collectors we all ought to approve of the announcement of such stamps so long before their issue. Collectors who want covers can have sufficient time to arrange for them which is not always the situation with the prolific issues of this country.

## Visiting Firemen Celebrate

At the fifth annual meeting of the Chautauqua Stamp Coin and Curio Club, held at Jamestown, N. Y. on June 16, Adolph Steeg of Buffalo was awarded a life membership in the C. S. C. & C. C. for outstanding achievement in the collecting realm. Several attendants at this meet were given the "Mystic Siren" of the Visiting Firemen of Philately, after the banquet. Obituary services were held for Blake Battles who was to be married to Ann Schafer on June 28th, Miss Schafer is a prominent member of the Sprinkling Cans, auxiliary of the V. F.


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## Postoffice Inspectors Nab Stamp Racketeers

Two men were arrested in Omaha Sunday in connection with an amended stamp collectors' special delivery cancellation racket—the amendment being so fruitful that postal inspectors estimate their weekly receipts jumped from $400 or $500 to between $1,000 and $2,000.

The special delivery cancellation racket, which is frowned upon by Uncle Sam but is not outside the pale of the law, is as follows:

Stamp dealers go to a small postoffice, whose postmaster is paid a commission on volume of cancellations in lieu of salary. They get the postmaster to appoint them special special delivery messengers. Their fee as special special delivery messengers is 7½ cents a delivery.

They buy sheets of memorial issue stamps, like the Mothers day stamps, or Arbor Lodge stamps, which are printed only for a limited period. These stamps in time are sure to become valuable, and all stamp collectors know it. Stamp collectors will buy them for future profits.

### Sell at Cut Price

The dealers affix these memorial stamps to postcards, 11 cents in stamps on each card. This assures the stamp dealers of 7½ cents back on each 10-cent special delivery fee, for carrying the cards out of the postoffice. And the postmaster gets six-tenths of the remaining penny on the post-card as his fee.

The stamps so affixed to the postcards are lightly cancelled so they will look pretty in the stamp collectors' books.

Each 11 cents in stamps has cost the dealers, net, only 3½ cents.

They offer the stamps to stamp stores and collectors at the rate of about 50 and 60 cents a dollar's worth or about 6 cents for each 11 cents' worth of stamps. Sometimes they get par or a premium. At the lower rate they have a profit of about 2½ cents on each batch.

While the Postoffice department doesn't like such business, no way has been found to stop it.

### Ship Stamps to Selves

But in the case of the two men arrested Sunday, postal inspectors declare there was an added feature of their scheme greatly enhancing the profits.

Curious about large money orders coming to these stamp dealers from outstate postoffices each week, the postal inspectors learned they were going to mail themselves a lot of postcards Saturday night at a small outstate postoffice. So the inspectors went to the postoffice to see what would happen.

The inspectors learned, they said, that the dealers had agreed with the postmaster to mail 26,503 postcards special delivery to themselves. Such a volume of business exceeds that of the Omaha office, and just to count them would have kept the postmaster busy for a long time.

### Seek $887 Profit

But the postoffice inspectors counted them, and they declare there were only about 10,000 cards, actual count, in the lot, and the postage on them was only about $1,100. But the stamp dealers tried to collect $1,987.73 in delivery fees, which would have given them a net profit of $887 in addition to the cancelled stamps they could sell to the stamp collector trade.

The postal inspectors don't know what charge can be filed in the case.

Postal Inspectors R. C. Hornsby of Hastings and A. L. Witherspoon of Manhattan, Kan., made the investigation and came to Omaha. They expect to go to Washington to consult higher Postoffice department officials on how to stamp out the fee-sharing practice among fourth-class postmasters.

—Omaha Bee-News—June 25.

NOTE—Both the persons concerned in the above article were Omaha men and the town from which the cards were mailed was Strang, Nebraska.

## Late U. S. Stamp News

When the new 6c airmail rate becomes effective July 1, it should be noted that the new 6c rate will also apply to airmail letters to Canada. At this same date Canada also announces that the airmail rate from Canada to the United States will be reduced to 6c as formerly.

This is just another example of a return to sanity and normal times.

It is to be regretted that the 3c letter rate was not changed back to 2c at this time, since that would doubtless stimulate business also.

The next thing we hope to hear from Canadian quarters is the return to normalcy in regard to customs tax on publications going into Canada. With this present tax on publications going into Canada many American publications have almost ceased to send copies into Canada as the tax of 5c per copy is prohibitive to Canadian readers.

Information comes from several sources of what appears to have been almost a prearranged raid on the Philatelic Agency of Washington, D. C.

It must be that someone is able to get advance information as to the dwindling supply of certain stamps in stock at the Agency and at times, a pot of money is used in cleaning up at one sweep certain issues of stamps in the hands of the Agency. This naturally stops the source of supply for the collector at face value and when this happens we can look for prices to begin to stiffen on such stamps.

The latest raid on the Agency cleaned out all varieties of the Bicentennial stamps, the stock of Penn, Webster, Pulaski and Newburgh stamps as well as all values under one dollar of the 1922-26 issue.


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## Stamp Club News

The annual convention of the Universal Stamp Association held at Newark, Ohio, June 15, 16, 17, was attended by quite a goodly crowd of collectors from surrounding cities. A delegation of more than a dozen members of the Columbus Philatelic Club attended the convention dinner on Saturday evening. There were about 60 collectors at this dinner after which the auction was held and prices realized were good. The next annual convention is to be held at Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Harold M. Metzger has been elected president of the Tampa Stamp Club for the coming year, George H. Birkebak, vice president and Edward H. Wackerman, Secretary. The club has new headquarters in the Lafayette Room, Hotel Tampa Terrace. Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday evening of each month and visiting collectors are cordially invited to attend.

The Charlotte Philatelic Society (Charlotte, N. C.) was organized on June 14, with 40 members. Meetings will be held in the Y. M. C. A. on the second and fourth Thursday evening each month. Officers are Geo. Swank, Pres.; C. B. Goodwin, Vice-Pres.; R. L. Bryant, Secy. and Treas. and A. C. Sheldon, Librarian. A public exhibit is being planned for an early date.

"Filatelikus", Columbia University Stamp Society will resume its activities with the opening of the College in September. This society had several exhibits in the Hobby Show held at the College. These displays were the center of much attention during the show.

Any University or College Stamp Club interested in getting in touch with the Society may address its communications to Filatelikus, John Jay Hall, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

Mr. Arthur G. Ittel, vice-president of the Hamilton (Ohio) Philatelic Society was a visitor at the office of Linn's Weekly last week. Mr. Ittel states that the society is making good progress and that there are excellent prospects for a very live society in Hamilton this coming winter. Meetings are held at the Anthony Wayne Hotel on the second Monday each month. Local collectors can address Mr. Ittel at 427 Franklin Avenue.

The Fort Steuben Philatelic Society Steubenville, Ohio, announce the date of their first annual open-house and exhibition for October 13-14. This meeting is being planned on an elaborate scale and the exhibit will be divided into two sections, for collectors and dealers, a bourse will also be a feature and interested parties can get complete details by addressing F. B. Simmons, 211 S. Fourth Street.

The Collectors Club of the Genesee Country planned a large exhibition and good time meeting for Monday evening, June 25th. It is to be regretted that details of this meet were not available in time for our issue of June 16th which would have reached hundreds of collectors in that vicinity. The meet was held at Batavia, N. Y., and judging from the program as outlined, it must have been a very pleasant meeting.

## A Tribute to Hugh Trout

June 11, 1934.

Editor,
Linns Weekly Stamp News,
20 East Chestnut Street,
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Dear Sir:

The Long Beach Stamp Collectors Club mourns the passing of our good Secretary, Hugh Trout, who left our midst May 21, 1934.

Hugh Trout will be best remembered by his myriads of friends all over the world, through his efficient and friendly handling of many cachets. Outstanding among these was during the visit of the U. S. S. Constitution which was tied up in our harbor when the quake struck. Hugh at that time worked day and night to forward over ten thousand covers and still found time to administer freely to the injured and homeless.

As a brother stamp collector we found him of an extremely loving disposition, and his sympathetic understanding and untiring efforts in our behalf, endeared him to all.

For years he was the very heart and life of the Club. His friendly smile and gently guiding hand has been greatly missed during his illness of the past year, and will continue to be during the months to come. The fine stamp exhibits, for which the Club received credit, were very largely of his creation.

Philately and our Club have indeed lost a friend. Words fail to express our deep sorrow and we can only say "well done, good and faithful servant".

At the Club's June 4th meeting we paused for a moment of tribute to his fine deeds, and constant devotion to high principles. As a further mark of our esteem, the office of Secretary will not be declared vacant.

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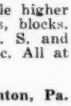

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# « Editorials »

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Our story is briefly told in the leading article in this paper. We hope to hear from all who are interested in this new development and to those we will send subscription forms just so soon as the necessary formalities are completed.

**FUTURE PLANS** Our future plans can only depend on the success with which this proposal to incorporate and sell stock, may succeed. Should our hopes be realized quickly, we can assure every reader of this paper, a remarkable change and improvement within a short time, in fact the change and improvement will become noticeable almost at once and improvement will continue just so rapidly as we can add to our present facilities for producing the paper. Until we can see the success of our stock subscription offer, we can make no definie promises for the future.

It may be that the present time is inopportune for the project we are launching, but we have a great faith in the future and believe that the coming fall will show a decided improvement in general conditions. The fact that we have decided to make shares of stock at only $10 per share should alone put across our plans for there are certainly enough people who can and will take from one to five shares to quickly dispose of the bare 1000 shares that we hope to sell at once.

**EASY MONEY** Most Rackets are devised to bring easy money to the promoters. When money comes easy in any racket, the racketeers then begin to look for even more easy money and that has happened in the case of two young men of Omaha who became entangled in the racket of obtaining used U. S. Stamps in lightly cancelled blocks for sale to collectors. Not satisfied with the business that they were doing, they apparently tried to rob Uncle Sam in their greed for more money and were picked up by United States Postoffice Inspectors. Details of the incident are reprinted from the Omaha Bee-News in another column of this paper.

Perhaps this news will now trickle into the columns of certain weekly stamp papers which have apparently been ignorant of the cancelled stamp racket which has been destroying the value of your legitimate used stamps.

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Just have to keep reminding you of the Twelfth Annual Convention, Precancel Stamp Society to be held at Hotel Sylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., August 20-23. Let's all go and make it a real success, and also bring Buro Prints to the fore. Show the boys we have a real live outfit of specialists.

Just a reminder. I get quite a bit of mail asking definite questions demanding an answer. Won't you please send a self addressed envelope when you wish a personal answer? Not only the postage but the time, is what mounts up. Thanks.

Still get the same old kick out of E. S. Thresher's column in the Bee. And the final paragraph still has the old but ever new "battle cry", "DON'T MARK THE BACKS OF YOUR BUREAUS". I am repeating it here, as it is a slogan that we can all well follow.

Read Mr. W. M. Gray's article in the June Bee on "Do you purchase Discounts or Stamps". A little careful perusal of this article might make our collections look a lot better. "Something for nothing" is a myth, and don't think that does not apply to stamps.

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### Alaska Flights

It is current news that the Army and Navy are both planning mass plane flights to Nome, Alaska, at an early date. This will give the collector of hard-to-get covers something to "shoot at."

### A. M. 27

The section of A. M. 27 from Boston to Montpelier, Vt., was opened June 25th and covers from Boston, Manchester, Concord, Burlington, White River Junction and Montpelier, all bear good official cachets, which were neatly applied. The section from Boston to Bangor, Maine, opened June 26th with similar results from the cities of Bangor, Portland, Waterville and Augusta.

### Canada Air Postage

The advent of the new 6-cent air mail postage rate, on July 1st, brings into effect the same 6-cent air mail rate, to and from Canada to the United States.

### Fort Chipewyan Covers

The First Flight from Fon-du-Lac to Fort Chipewyan took place on June 14th and brought the usual attractive cachets supplied by the Canadian department.

### South American Notes

A recent Atlantic crossing by Jean Mermoz delivered European mail to Buenos Aires in 2 days, 16 hours and 55 minutes. Letters by the same flight were actually carried to Santiago, Chile, from France in 3 days and 10 minutes.

The Graf Zeppelin flight of May 26th set a new record in time consumed, arriving at Pernambuco in exactly 63 hours, gaining a whole day on its best previous time. Mail from this service from Germany therefore arrived in Buenos Aires, in about three days.

The Argentine Department of Civil Aviation plans establishing Five Trunk airways and many subsidiaries practically covering the country, which now only has two lines, viz: To Santiago, Chile, and Bahia Blanca to Rio Gallegos. One of the important projected routes would be from Buenos Aires to Asuncion, Paraguay. Thanks to A. H. Davis.

### Historical and Other Cachets

Macon Covers with fine cachet from Moffett Field June 19th for Pacific Coast Training Maneuvers, and Mr. James advises that about 678 covers were cacheted for that event. Oakland Chamber of Commerce also applied a bi-colored cachet for this Pacific Northwest flight of the Macon, to 965 covers. This was a very nice marking on these covers from the Golden Bear State, and bore a golden picture of the bear.

## Used Covers Are First Class Matter

Mr. Murray G. Henry of Hollidaysburg, Pa., sends a letter from Mr. C. B. Eilenberger, Third Assistant Postmaster General which is worthy of quoting for the guidance of collectors. We quote as follows:

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Naval collectors will be glad to learn that E. O. Tauer is going to be back with the USS Texas at least until around the first of the year. He, with Mrs .Tauer, was the guest of the editor of this column recently, and a great many of the little things pertaining to cover collecting from the fighting ships were mulled over. Mr. Tauer is one of the most accommodating men in the navy toward collectors and invariably tries to give the best to be had on covers sent him. He is not the mail clerk, but chief machinist (warrant officer) on the Texas. However, he handles covers and if you have no Texas cancels, send him a few covers, care postmaster, New York City, and he will oblige.

### Future Events

Now that Independence Day is over, future events at the moment are rather scarce. Three were listed in this column last week, that being the first time the news of any of them appeared in print, and here are three more which are exclusive with Linn's. Send covers to C. Wright Richell, 2382 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, for three events commemorating the history, life, death and other matters pertaining to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, these events to be cacheted from ships on August 21, August 26 and September 10. Send enough covers for all three days, and include forwarding postage.

### Forwarding Postage

So much has been said and written about the question of forwarding postage that this column intends to make its position clear in the matter, as follows: Send 1 cent forwarding postage in loose stamps per cover when sending your packets to cachet directors for their handling. Do not send more than 1 cent, and on the other hand it is an imposition on those who sponsor cachets to send less than 1 cent, for the packets of covers going to the ships are sent first class and this requires a lot of postage. The cachet sponsorers who ask more than 1 cent postage for forwarding are, in my opinion, running somewhat of a racket and should be squelched. A great many collectors will send out three covers and four or five 3-cent stamps, which is away out of reason and unnecessary. On the other hand, another large group sends out covers and not a thing toward forwarding postage. They ought to be squelched by having their covers mailed locally and not from a ship. That ought to clarify the situation with readers of this department at least, and stop some of the bickerings and criticisms that are flowing here and there about the country.

### Omaha and Richmond

It is rumored that the USS Omaha is to succeed the USS Richmond as flagship of the special squadron in Cuban and southern waters. It has not yet been announced officially, however. But to be safe, send a few covers to J. V. Terrio, navy mail clerk, USS Richmond, and depend on Terry to give you a nice cancel when the change occurs. But remember that Terry's storage space is next to nothing and that he cannot possibly hold a lot of covers, so give him a break and don't flood him with them. He is the most accommodating chap you can think of when you play fair with him. As he also is a collector of oddities and novelties, why not send him something along this line when you mail him covers?

### Our Cooperators

Thanks go this week to E. O. Tauer, J. V. Terrio, Edwin Brown, A. A. DeLapp, Lieut.-Comm. H. M. Peterson, Corp. Leslie J. Hall, Leo Miller, J. Kenneth Delano, P. J. Ickeringill, Robert Lawler, J. E. Currier and C. M. Lanford.


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Announcement of this service was published some weeks ago in this paper and already more than 15,000 covers have accumulated for the service.

The covers are destined to reach Niafu on July 24. How the poor man who swims the tin can full of mail will ever handle this load is more than we can understand.

The thought also arises, will the postmaster at Niafu have a sufficient supply of postage stamps to stamp all of these letters. Normal mail at his postoffice is about 200 letters per year.

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RAY SHEPARD, . . . 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., . . . COLUMBUS, OHIO

**ANDORRA**—Scott's latest Monthly Journal tentatively lists the set of stamps mentioned in the news article on page 535 of the June 9th issue of this paper, so we note them here. It is understood that these may or may not be included in the next edition of the Standard Catalog: Airpost Stamps. Designs: Mountain scene and coat of arms, and air service insignia. Size 40x25 mm.: 25c. bright rose; 50c. violet; 75c. light green; 1p. brown; 1.25p. red; 1.50p. yellow; 1.75p. gray; 2p. dark green. Design: Airplane and sunburst over mountain. Size 25x40 mm.: 2.50p. gray green; 3.25p. orange brown; 4.50p. red brown; 5p. blue. The entire set also exists overprinted: "FRANQUICIA DEL CONSELL" in three lines.

**CANADA**—Two more re-entries have been reported. The first on the 2c. carmine of the 1912 issue, effects mainly the medals and decorations on the King's coat, which are all doubled. The lower part of the oval above "TWO" is distinctly duplicated, as are also the maple leaves at the right. The one copy from which this report is made, is perf. 12 at the top and right and imperf. on the other two sides, indicating that it is a sheet-corner stamp. The 5c. of the same issue is the other re-entry and is even more extensive than that of the 2c. The vertical frame lines are strongly duplicated, particularly the left side which is intersected by the portions of the oval; the words "CANADA POSTAGE" shows signs of the first entry in the letters "CANA" and in the oval below "STA." This stamp from which the report is made is perf. on all four sides, so as yet no position in the sheet is known.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

**CHILE**—There seemed to have been a slight difference in the design of the two air mails which were chronicled in our issues of May 5th and 26th, which, due to the fact that the 2p. passed out of our hands before the 5p. reached caused us to assume that they were both alike. At any rate, the 2p. is Scott's type AP4 and the 5p. is type AP5.

**COSTA RICA**—The balance of the set chronicled in our notes of June 9th and 16th:

AP9— 1 col. deep rose
AP9— 2 col. light blue
AP9— 5 col. black
AP9—10 col. red brown

The lower values previously noted are all type AP8.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**GERMANY**—Two additions to the set noted May 12th:

A64—25pf. ultramarine
A64—60pf. black and claret

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

1933-34—No. 727, 729, 730 and 731 are found se tenant.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**LITHUANIA**—Another in the series noted June 9th:

A31—15c. red

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Gibbons' latest Monthly Journal notes that the above and those noted in our issue of June 9th and Dec. 9th last are actually redrawn designs. The illustrations shown by them are most distinctive in that the lettering in "LIETUVA" and "CENTU" is heavier in the 1934 issues than in the 1923.

**MANCHUKUO**—The one remaining value of the first design has appeared in the redrawn design. Recess-printed on granite paper. Wmk. wavy lines, perf. 13x13½:

10f. orange

Quantities issued of the "Enthronement" series noted by us April 28th, were: 1½f.—300,000; 3f.—2,000,000; and 6f. and 10f.—100,000 each.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

**MEXICO**—Re new issue which according to last reports was postponed until 1935. It is now stated that same will be issued in Sept., because of stock shortage and the desire to not issue any more surcharged provisionals, if possible to avoid.

(F. H. Hawley)

**NYASALAND**—A new and more or less poor set of stamps have been issued for this Colony. Line engraved, printed upon script wmk. paper, transverse oblong stamp, measuring 36x25 mm. perf. to perf. Sheets of 60 (10 rows of 6). Perf. 12½. The following values have been received:

½p. green
1p. sepia
1½p. rose
2p. gray
3p. deep blue
6p. purple

(R. Roberts)

**PERU**—Further data for collectors specializing in this country. A108 is at hand in two distinctly different colors. The complete set of new colors is now listed in case we missed some in our previous notes: A111—2c. grayish black; 4c. light brown (same type); 10c. vermillion (liberty); 15c. light ultramarine; 20c. brownish red; 50c. deep yellow green; and 1sol. brown orange (all type A115).

Also a copy of the new 1c. Semi-postal stamp, issued in May of this year. Perf. 11½x12. The fact that this stamp is printed by the same firm as previous issues makes the possibility of other compounds of perfs. This value is for drop letters (city delivery) and post cards. A 2c. value same type is apt to appear any time. If such is the case, the 2c. type SP9 (blue violet) will have a short life.

(F. H. Hawley)

**PHILIPPINES**—Note the following in your catalog:

#346a. olive bistre

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**SPAIN**—1933-34 Type of 1931-32 Issue, without control number on the back. Unwmkd. Perf. 11½:

A103— 5c. chocolate
A96—10c. blue green

Nos. 529, 531, 533, 538, 542 also exist imperforate.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**SYRIA**—A ten value commemorative set is due.

(The Airpost Journal)

**TANNOU TOUVA**—Further data on the set noted June 2nd. The stamps inscribed "POSTA TOUVA—AIR MAIL POSTAGE" in diamond, or small or large triangular shape. Colors: 1k. dark orange; 5k. bright green; 10k. dark brown; 15k. rose carmine; 25k. black violet; 50k. emerald green; 75k. brown purple; 1T. indigo and 2T. ultramarine.

(The Airpost Journal)

**TIMOR**—Type of 1933 Issue. Wmkd. Maltese Cross; Perf. 11½x12:

A8—1p. light blue
A8—2p. brown orange

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**TUNIS**—Type 1931 Issue. Unwkd. Perf. 12½x13:

A16—1fr. dark brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**TURKEY — Semi - Postal Stamps** — 1933-34. Semi-Postal Stamp of 1928, surcharged in black similar to #1250; Unwmkd. Perf. 13½:

SP4—1ku. on 2½pi. orange

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# Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

I took in the Universal Stamp Associations convention at Newark, O., over the week end, or maybe it was them that took me in. Anyhow I got a hat full of precancels and they a slice of my dough.

In looking over the Massachusetts catalog I noticed where the 3c and 5c Olympics were mentioned they were called SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES issue. Altho this is not new to U. S. collectors I have not heard very many refer to this issue in that manner altho I think it very appropriate.

This is Johns paragraph. John Roller, Jr., of Champs, Va., shows me a Kosciuszko from Lynchburg, Va., in U-14. John Wills presents the ed. with a government printed envelope from Newburyport, Mass., his home town. And John Elholm, Jr., of Racine, Wis., presents me with an unusual item, something new in precancelling. The stamp concerned is a 1c ord. comp. and the precancelling is arranged like a government envelope, only it appears to be a rubber handstamp. The stamp was precancelled Kenosha, Wis. Kenosha between the first two top lines, Wis., between the next two, and the Sec. 435½ etc. is under the last bottom line. All the wording appears to the left of the stamp and none of it touches the stamp, only the extension of the bars cancels the stamp. If the stamp was soaked off the cover you could not tell where it was from as all that would show would be the bars. If they come into general use and collectors wish to save them they will have to keep about as much cover as they do in saving an ordinary postmark, about 2 x 4 inches. If any one else glimpses any more of these from different cities I would be glad to hear about it.

Got a letter from Lawrence Bros., those erstwhile precancel dealers of Anamosa, Ia., just too late last week to note any of the items they enclosed. So here they are. A MOTHERS DAY from Enid, Okla., in U-122 across, Mass. Bay from Tallahasse, Fla., in a tiny type resembling B-11 as much as anything. 1c C. of P. from Albert Lea Minn., in U-48 and this one has a REAL break on it. The top bar on this stamp is broken off right in the middle and is bent downward perhaps 1/16 inch or more.

Some of the better items I picked up at the above mentioned convention were 5c Olympics from Painesville, O., in U-53 and Ithaca, N. Y. in that neat electro they use there. A 3c Victory from Marshalltown, Ia. in their electro known as type II. A Kosciuszko from Newark, N. Y., in U-12. A 2c Lake Placid, Yorktown and N. R. A. from Mt. Vernon, O. George Rogers Clarks from Cedar Rapids, Ia. in U-5 and Santa Rosa, Calif., in U-53. Notices of the convention were mailed out with 1c C. of P. from Newark, O., in U-51.

Carlisle Martin of Fargo, N. Dak., shows me a Kosciuszko from Minneapolis, Minn., in U-121, 5c Olympic from Billings, Mont., in U-1 and another from Mankato, Minn., in U-12 inverted. Also an NRA from St. Paul in that multiple worded handstamp they are using there, presumably a mail order house affair.

## S. P. A. Convention

The plans for the Convention are now completed. The convention will be held in Philadelphia, August 23, 24 and 25, in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Special railroad fares have been arranged. Buy your one-way ticket and get a Convention receipt. If more than one hundred tickets are used, your return fare will cost you one-third. If this is not clear to your understanding communicate with Justin Bacharach, 1809 West Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, and details will immediately be sent.

Beside the business of the Convention, there will be a trip through historic Philadelphia, a conducted tour through Valley Forge and a boat trip to Wilmington, Delaware, at which point the group will be guests of the Branch of that city. A special exhibition will be held during the Convention in conjunction with the Philadelphia Evening Ledger and the Penn Precancel Society.

Frames are now available. Communicate with G. A. Henhoffer, c/o Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, at once. The official convention photograph will be taken the first day, therefore, it is advisable that all be present as early as possible.

—Justin L. Bacharach.

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By BI STANDER

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Some non collectors think that the word philatelic is a hard one to remember but suppose we had to struggle along with Peridromophile which denotes the collecting of transfers and other items pertaining to transportation.

We have heard of strange things being sent through the mail, and noticing a crowd in the City Hall Postoffice we horned in and saw a postman showing to other interested postal employees a small alligator housed in a cigar box with the top taken off and a wire mesh put in this place. The postman was just going out on his route when this accident took place. The alligator seemed to be quite lively as he was being jiggled quite severely, but soon he would be delivered and his troubles would be over.

A dealer reports a man of good appearance who came into his place, bought some stamps and gave a check in part payment asking that some cash be given as he needed it. The check came back "no account". This is an old game and other dealers should be watchful of this.

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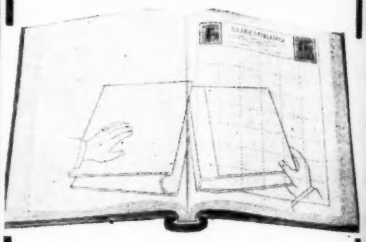

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